

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

- 1        1. An apparatus for entertaining and pacifying a young child, comprising:
  - 2              a device that is securable and suspendable around a neck of a user;
  - 3              a retaining mechanism connected to the neck device; and
  - 4              an interchangeable entertainment object interchangeably and securely connected to
  - 5              the retaining mechanism within easy reach of the young child being held by the user, the
  - 6              interchangeable entertainment object being age appropriate and made of colors, materials, and
  - 7              shapes that entertain and pacify the young child.
- 1        2. An apparatus for entertaining and pacifying a young child as recited in claim 1,  
2        wherein the neck device comprises one of a necklace, chain, tether, cord, or filament.
- 1        3. An apparatus for entertaining and pacifying a young child as recited in claim 1,  
2        wherein the interchangeable entertainment object is for a newborn child less than three months in  
3        age.
- 1        4. An apparatus for entertaining and pacifying a young child as recited in claim 1,  
2        wherein the interchangeable entertainment object is for a child three to nine months in age.
- 1        5. An apparatus for entertaining and pacifying a young child as recited in claim 1,  
2        wherein the interchangeable entertainment object is for a child more than nine months in age.
- 1        6. An apparatus for entertaining and pacifying a young child as recited in claim 3,

2 wherein the interchangeable entertainment object comprises contrasting primary colors.

1           7. An apparatus for entertaining and pacifying a young child as recited in claim 3,  
2 wherein the interchangeable entertainment object comprises a colorful liquid to promote chewing  
3 and provide a visual stimulus to the child.

1           8. An apparatus for entertaining and pacifying a young child as recited in claim 4,  
2 wherein the interchangeable entertainment object comprises bright colors and textures.

1           9. An apparatus for entertaining and pacifying a young child as recited in claim 5,  
2 wherein the interchangeable entertainment object comprises shapes, pictures, and letters that can be  
3 used as a learning device.

1           10. An apparatus for entertaining and pacifying a young child, comprising:  
2                 a necklace that is securable and suspendable around a neck of a user;  
3                 a clasp connected to the necklace; and  
4                 an interchangeable entertainment object having a hole provided therethrough for  
5                 interchangeably and securely connecting to the clasp within easy reach of the young child being held  
6                 by the user, the interchangeable entertainment object being age appropriate and made of colors,  
7                 materials, and shapes that entertain and pacify the young child, wherein the interchangeable  
8                 entertainment object comprises one of:  
9                         contrasting primary colors for a newborn child less than three months in age,  
10                         a colorful liquid to promote chewing and provide a visual stimulus to a

- 11      newborn child less than three months in age,
- 12                  bright colors and textures for child three to nine months in age, or
- 13                  shapes, pictures, and letters that can be used as a learning device for a child
- 14      more than nine months in age.